



Lasallian Women of Hope

Fostering educational access. Empowering girls and women.
Creating sustainable change.

*A project of the Institute of the Brothers of the
Christian Schools' Solidarity and Development Secretariat*

CURRENT AND PLANNED PROJECTS

Mwangaza College, Nakuru, Kenya

Pad Project • Programming for the
Advancement of Women

Lasallian Family of Papua New Guinea

Pad Project • Hygiene Hampers •
2022 Women's Symposium • Lasallian
Women Advocates for Change

Tumba Community, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Pad Project • Programming for the
Advancement of Women

Lwanga District, Africa

Expansion of Pad Project • Programming for
the Advancement of Women

Tsholofelo Community, Rustenburg, South Africa

Pad Project • Menstrual and Hygiene Education

Collège Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Port au Prince, Haiti

Pad Project • Menstrual and Hygiene Education

Lycee Brother Raphael Louis Rafiringa, Madagascar

Establish a Science, Technology, Engineering,
Math (STEM) Program for Girls

Puthu Vasantham Girls Village, Dindigul, India

Health Awareness Camp • Pad Project •
Naturopathy Treatments • Medical Check-ups •
Guest Speakers on Health and Well-being

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Change the lives of women and girls!

Please consider a donation to LWH to help
expand current projects and establish new ones.

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“In the international arena, the mobilization of women to denounce situations that hinder fairness and respect for their fundamental rights becomes increasingly evident, as they demand the necessary conditions to guarantee their full human development. It cannot be ignored that it is necessary to redefine the way people live together, the ways in which we collaborate and connect in all areas of our social life considering the gender issue: work, family, academic, culture.”

—Declaration on the Lasallian Educational Mission 2.2.1

The Mission

The mission of Lasallian Women of Hope (LWH) is to ensure girls and women enjoy full access to Lasallian education. LWH began as a small project providing grassroots female empowerment while developing sustainable solutions to mitigate obstacles impeding educational access. Through its grants, LWH delivers creative, effective and durable solutions to educational inequities for girls and women.

LWH started in 2016 with the Pad Project at Mwangaza College in Nakuru, Kenya. It resulted from the discovery that young women would engage in “situational prostitution” to purchase personal hygiene products needed to attend classes during their menstrual periods.

“Period poverty” is one of many gender-specific obstacles girls and young women confront in accessing quality education. In developing countries, 48% of girls miss up to five days of school per month when they menstruate. This “period poverty” is due to a lack of access to menstrual products, hygiene facilities, adequate sanitation and water.

The LWH Pad Project focuses on supporting locally-based Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) educational plans, which has provided thousands of women with health education and personal hygiene items. It not only promotes regular attendance in school and better grades but also fosters an increased sense of self-esteem and self-worth. In areas where it is culturally acceptable, boys and men are welcomed into the health education program so that they can be educated about period poverty and be part of a supportive community for the girls and young women.

Sustainable Development

During the 2020-2021 academic year, the Lasallian Region of North America (RELAN) highlighted LWH as part of a worldwide effort to provide inclusive, equitable and quality education for all. The campaign, “Education: Let’s Build Our Future Together,” was developed by

the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools’ Solidarity and Development Secretariat. It encouraged Lasallian schools to host classes, financially support and energetically promote the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4) to “ensure universal access to inclusive and equitable quality education.” For the 2022-2023 academic year, SDG 6, Clean Water and Sanitation, will be the focus of the educational campaign of the Solidarity and Development Secretariat. Therefore, several of the planned LWH projects will address the impact of access to water on the ability of girls and young women to fully access a Lasallian education.

Dreaming Our Way Forward

With your assistance, LWH plans to expand our mission to:

- **expand the health care project at Puthu Vasantham Girls Village, Dindigul, India,**
- **fund a project to provide access to clean water at Child Discovery Center in Nakuru, Kenya,**
- **fund a sewing project to produce reusable pads for the LWH project in Papua New Guinea, and**
- **fund emerging grassroots leadership and female empowerment programs in Lasallian ministries.**



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